

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Patent Application of:
Rizzo, et al.

Reissue of Application
No.: 09/611,856

Group Art Unit: 2172

Filed: July 7, 2000

Examiner: Shah, Hanjiv

For: A Computerized System and
Method For Assisting Potential
Clients to Identify an
Appropriate Provider For
Professional Services

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.02(d)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.02, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner, through their attorneys of record, that this reissue application be made special and that the prosecution thereof be expedited as much as possible. As a basis for granting the above Petition, the following facts and circumstances are set forth herein.

The subject reissue application is being filed herewith. Claims 1-21 remain as originally issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,470,338 on October 22, 2002 (the "Original Patent"). Claims 22-34 have been added in this reissue application under a preliminary amendment, also being filed herewith. Thus, claims 1-34 are included in this reissue application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: August 21, 2003

Signature: 

(John P. Maldjian)

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Docket No.: DRIZZO 3.0-001 RE

Applicants, through their attorneys of record, allege that: (1) there is an infringing system and method actually on the market; (2) a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing system and method with the claims of this reissue application has been made and Applicants are of the opinion that some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and (3) Applicants have a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

All references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims are already of record.

In view of the above allegations, Applicants respectfully petition that an Order be issued directing the above-identified reissue application be made "special" and respectfully request reconsideration of the allowance of claims 1-34 by the Examiner.

Applicants' attorneys hereby authorize the fee in the amount of \$130.00 with respect to this requested Petition be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-1095. In the event the fee is deficient, please charge the balance to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

Dated: August 21, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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